



***How SMART are Standards
that Sacrifice Intellectual Property Rights?***

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Abstract:

Certain US companies, NGOs and academicians are endeavoring to have the Obama administration promote the use of ‘open’ (redefined as, royalty-free or non-proprietary) technology-based technical standards in connection with the development of the federal government’s climate change, health I/T, and SMART Grid initiatives. Similar measures and practices are currently being employed by EU Member State governments and BRICS national governments in connection with their e-government initiatives.